

In the Claims:

Please amend the claims as follows:

1-10. (Canceled)

11. (Currently amended) ~~An extension assembly for a~~ A cutting tool having comprising

a body with an opening defined therein, and a trigger that can be actuated by a first hand,

a protective cover connected to the body,

a shaft rotatably mounted within the body,

a positioning collar attached to the shaft, and

a circular cutter attached adjacent to the positioning collar, comprising: and
an extension assembly, said extension assembly including

a connecting tube having first and second ends, said first end of said connecting tube being connectable to the shaft when the positioning collar is removed from the shaft;

an extension rod having first and second ends, said first end of said extension rod being connectable to said second end of said connecting tube; and

a cylinder having a body end and an operating end, said body end of said cylinder being connectable to the opening of the body, and said extension rod being rotatably fittable into said cylinder;

wherein the positioning collar is attachable to said second end of said extension rod, and the protective cover is attachable to said operating end of said cylinder, said extension assembly further having an adjustable handle assembly slidably mountable on said cylinder, said handle assembly having a handle that can be gripped by a second hand.

12. (Canceled)

13. (Currently amended) The extension assembly cutting tool of claim 12, wherein said handle assembly includes a rotatable tube mountable onto a periphery of said cylinder, and a threaded rod operably connectable to said handle.

14. (Currently amended) The extension assembly cutting tool of claim 11, wherein said cylinder has a through hole defined therein for accommodating said connecting tube and said extension rod.

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15. (Currently amended) The extension assembly cutting tool of claim 11,
further comprising a pair of bearings mounted to said first and second ends of said extension
rod, and abutting said cylinder.
